

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled).

Claim 10 (Original): A method of desalinating ocean deep water, which comprises the following steps:

concentrating said ocean deep water by reduced-pressure evaporation until a concentration of a salt reaches a range of from 10 wt.% to a saturation solubility of said salt;

desalting the resulting concentrated ocean deep water through a charge mosaic membrane until said concentration of said salt is lowered to from 0.5 to 12 wt.%;

concentrating the resulting desalted ocean deep water by reduced-pressure evaporation until said concentration of said salt reaches a range of from 10 wt.% to said saturation solubility of said salt; and

desalting the resulting concentrated ocean deep water through a charge mosaic membrane until said concentration of said salt is lowered to from 0.1 to 1.0 wt.%.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A method of desalinating ocean deep water, which comprises the following steps:

concentrating said ocean deep water through a reverse osmosis membrane until a concentration of a salt reaches a range of from 5 to 7 wt.%;

concentrating the resulting concentrated ocean deep water further by reduced-pressure evaporation until said concentration of said salt reaches a range of from 10 wt.% to a saturation solubility of said salt; and

desalting the resulting concentrated ocean deep water through a charge mosaic membrane until said concentration of said salt is lowered to from 0.1 to 1.0 wt.%.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A method of desalinating ocean deep water, which comprises the following steps:

concentrating said ocean deep water through a nanofiltration membrane until its volume is decreased to 1/5 to 1/50; and

desalting the resulting concentrated ocean deep water through a charge mosaic membrane until a concentration of said salt is lowered to from 0.1 to 1.0 wt.%.

Claims 13-18 (Cancelled).

Claim 19 (New): A method of desalting raw water with at least a water-soluble salt contained therein, which comprises the following first and second steps:

(1) removing water from said raw water to concentrate said raw water; and

(2) removing at least a part of said water-soluble salt from the resulting concentrated raw water, wherein:

said raw water comprises at least one kind of alkali metal ions or alkaline earth metal ions,

said concentrated raw water has a salt concentration in a range of from 10 wt.% to a saturation solubility of said salt,

said first step is conducted by evaporation and/or by using a reverse osmosis membrane and said second step is conducted by using a charge mosaic membrane, and

said raw water is ocean deep water.

Claim 20 (New): The method of claim 19, wherein said first step and second step are conducted at the same time.

Claim 21 (New): The method of claim 20, wherein said first step and second step are conducted at the same time by using a nanofiltration membrane.

Claim 22 (New): The method of claim 19, wherein said ocean deep water comprises temperature sensitive organic substance.

Claim 23 (New): The method of claim 19, wherein said ocean deep water comprises microorganisms.

Claim 24 (New): The method of claim 19, wherein said concentrated raw water has a salt concentration in a range of from 20 wt.% to a saturation solubility of said salt.

Claim 25 (New): The method of claim 19, wherein said concentrated raw water has a salt concentration in a range of from 26 wt.% to a saturation solubility of said salt.